

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application and consideration and entry of this paper are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application in condition for allowance.

**I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS**

Claims 1-22 are currently pending. Claims 1-11 were withdrawn in response to a restriction requirement. Claims 12, 18, 19, 20, and 22 are hereby amended. No new matter has been introduced. Support for this amendment is provided throughout the Specification as originally filed.

Initially, the Examiner is thanked for indicating that claims 12-22, representing all of the claims elected for prosecution in this application, would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome certain indefiniteness rejections. Further, the Examiner is thanked for providing suggested amendatory language to overcome the objections.

**II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112, SECOND PARAGRAPH**

Claims 12-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for allegedly being indefinite. As indicated above in the listing of the claims, claims 12, 18, 19, 20, and 22 are hereby amended according to the Examiner's suggestions, making moot the rejections in this application.

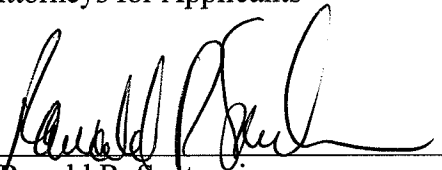
Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the § 112 rejections in this application.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants' attorneys respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Please charge any fees incurred by reason of this response and not paid herewith to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

Respectfully submitted,  
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